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REMARKS

The amendments to the specification were made in order for the present application to be consistent with Parent Application Serial No. 07/523,635, filed November 29, 1994 (now U.S. Patent No. $5,395,760)^{1/2}$; and to correct obvious typographical errors therein.

The Sequence Listing, filed simultaneously herewith, is being submitted and the specification is also being amended to be consistent with the amendments made in related Application Serial No. 08/650,000, filed June 9, 1998 (now allowed).

Also, the deletion of Figures 2-3 (in their entirety) and insertion of SEQ ID NOs:1-4 therein is made in order for the Sequence Listing and drawings to be consistent with related Application Serial No. 08/650,000, filed June 9, 1998 (now allowed).

Hence, the amendments to the specification, the insertion of the Sequence Listing and deletion of Figures 2-3 do not constitute new matter, and thus entry is requested.

^{1/} Note, due to a printing error, column 6, line 55, of U.S. Patent 5,395,760 refers to "Figures 2A-2C", rather than "Figures 2A-2B".

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